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Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND REQUEST FOR PTO-1449 FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the Office Action of August 21, 2002, the Examiner indicates that the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 12, 2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) for the reasons indicated. However, the request for PTO-1449 form filed June 12, 2002 refers back to an Information Disclosure Statement originally filed October 6, 2000, which cites references of record in prior parent application Serial No. 09/381,680. In accordance with PTO practice concerning Information Disclosure Statements, since the references were of record in the parent application, it was not necessary to submit additional copies of the references when the Information Disclosure Statement in the present application was filed October 6, 2000.

Nevertheless, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 6, 2000, except for the Yoshida et al. reference (USP 5,150,283), which as noted by the Examiner is a duplicate of the Yoshida et al. reference

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submitted with Applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed February 20, 2001, and has already been considered/initialed by the Examiner.

Also submitted herewith is a PTO-1449 form citing the attached references. Since the Information Disclosure Statement citing these references was originally submitted October 6, 2000, and copies of the references were at that time already of record in the parent application, the earlier Information Disclosure Statement complies with PTO practice, and there should be no question about the timeliness of submitting the attached references/PTO-1449 form.

The Examiner is kindly requested to initial each of the references set forth on the attached PTO-1449 form, all of which are accompanied by English language abstracts/partial translations of the references.

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